

# EPA Brownfields Program

### What is a Brownfield?

- EPA Definition real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutants, or contaminant.
- 500,000 sites nationwide. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off of undeveloped, open land, and protects the environment.



# EPA Brownfields Grant Program

Competitive – EPA awarded 27 grants in Region 4 in FY16; 9 Cleanup Grants; 3 in TN

Knoxville
Awards –
Sanitary
Laundry
(\$200,000),
and McClung
Warehouses
(\$150,000)

Up to \$200,000 per site – City to match at 20% (\$70,000) Who is eligible? – municipalities, tribes, non-profits. Private individuals are not eligible

Before you can apply – Phase I & II ESAs, ABCA – funded in part by EPA Assessment Grant

Factors for Consideration include environmental, economic, community vision, partnerships

# Both Cleanup Sites are City-Owned

#### **Sanitary Laundry**

City acquired this abandoned site in 2014 in a tax foreclosure

#### **McClung Warehouses**

Motivated by blight-abatement and public safety concerns, City purchased in 2013 from a bankruptcy trustee.

(Fires in 2007 and 2014)



## Past Assessment Activities funded by EPA

Downtown North Assessment Grant \$400,000 Assessment Grant awarded in Fall 2011

Used to assess multiple properties

#### Sanitary Laundry

**Lindsay Texaco** 

Southern Linen

**Auto Sales and Service** 

Historic Knoxville High School

Knox Tenn Rental, Central St.

Knox Tenn Rental, Irwin St.

Knox Tenn Rental, Bernard Ave.



# Once Awarded – RFQ Process

February 2017 City issued Request for Qualifications.

Widespread Interest City received 8 responses for McClung Warehouses and 6 responses for Sanitary Laundry.

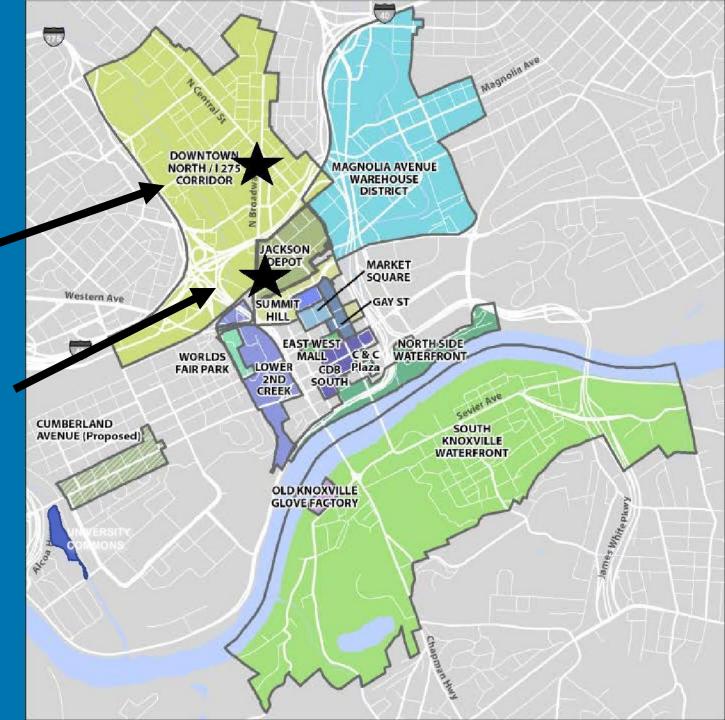
City's evaluation team included Purchasing, Redevelopment, Community Development and Engineering Representatives.

S&ME Selected Contract negotiated with City, signed April 2017.

TWO EPA
CLEANUP GRANTS
AWARDED

SANITARY LAUNDRY

MCCLUNG WAREHOUSES



# Sanitary Laundry Site Background

**Property Details** 

625 North Broadway

Approximately 0.3 acres

30,000 square-foot building

Currently vacant



# Sanitary Laundry Site 625 North Broadway

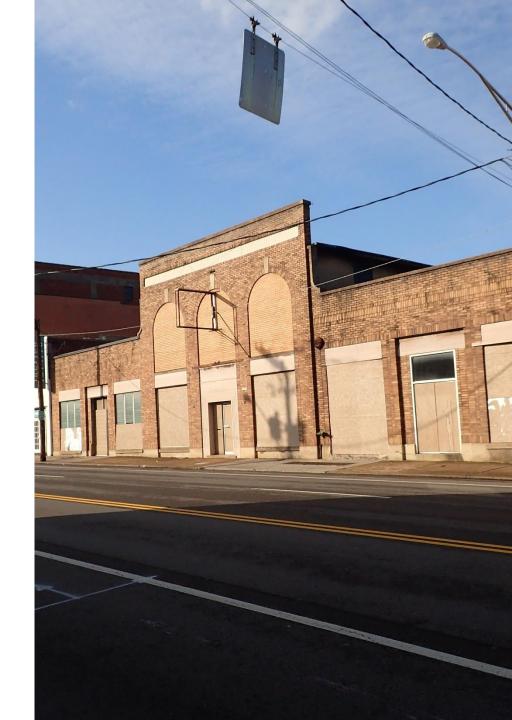
Former Dry Cleaner operated from 1926 until 1993

Dry cleaning solvent tank

Two gasoline tanks removed in 1993

Solvent tank emptied and filled with concrete in 1994

Lead based paint, asbestos in the building



Sanitary Laundry Site 625 North Broadway

#### **Vapor Intrusion**

#### Soil, Groundwater, Soil Gas and Ambient Air Sampled



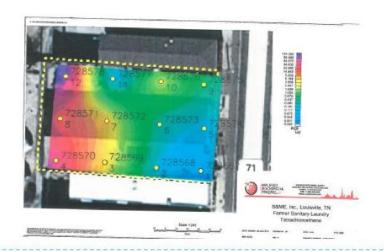




#### **Soil Vapor Ambient Air Soil Samples**



**Sub-slab Gas** 



Example of Previous Findings

#### **Assessment Findings and Prior Activities**

- ☐ Drums of dry cleaning fluids removed in 1999
- Dry cleaning compounds and solvents detected
- ☐ City and TDEC have negotiated a Brownfield Agreement
- ☐ City has contracted roof replacement



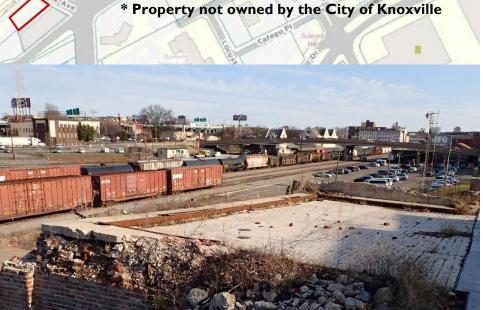
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#### **Anticipated Brownfield Cleanup Actions**

- ☐ Removal and disposal of containers
- Asbestos Removal
- ☐ Address Soil Vapor Mitigation System





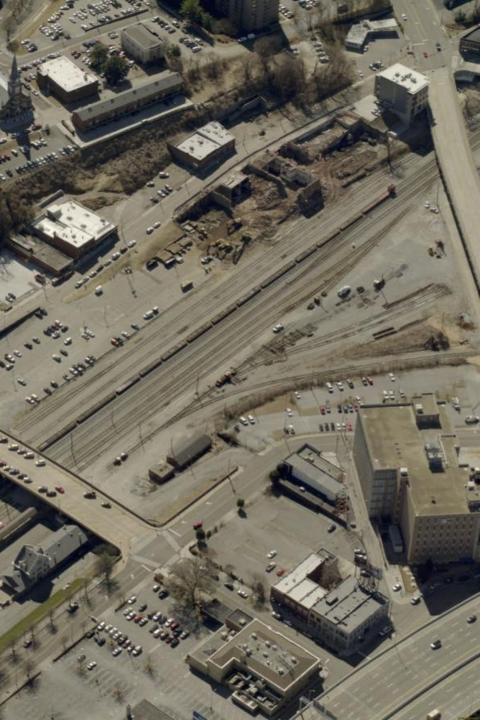


# McClung Warehouse Sites Jackson Avenue

**Property Details** 

8 parcels

Currently vacant



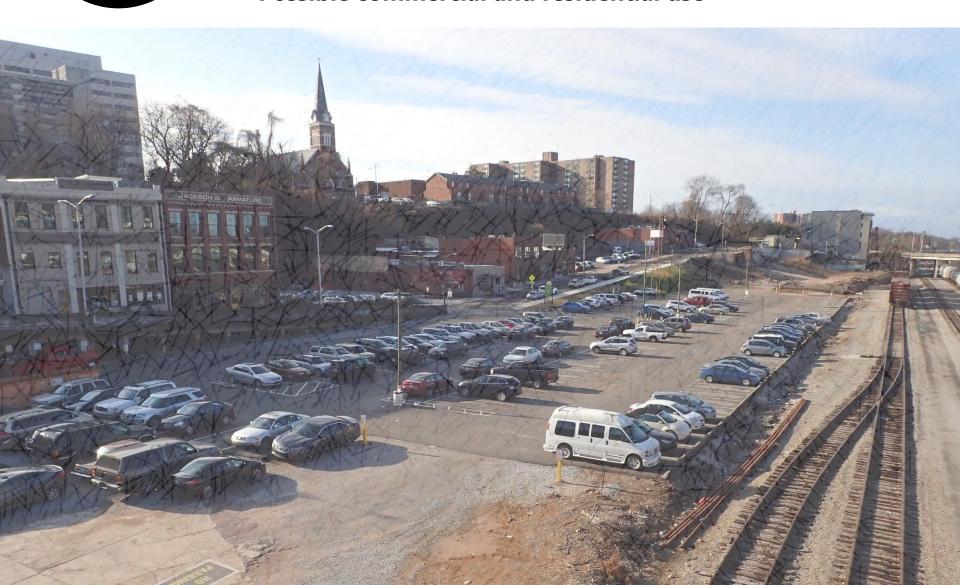
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EPA Targeted Brownfield Assessment

Former operations included:

automotive garage woodworking shop freight shipping freight storage blacksmith shed McClung Warehouse Sites Jackson Avenue

Proposed mixed-use complex
Possible commercial and residential use



#### McClung Warehouse Sites Jackson Avenue

#### **Tetra Tech performed Targeted Brownfield Assessment**

- ☐ Phase I and Phase II ESA
- ☐ Sampled soil, groundwater, soil gas and suspect asbestos containing material



#### McClung Warehouse Sites Jackson Avenue

#### **Assessment Findings**

- ☐ Metals detected above EPA screening levels

  (Arsenic, lead, cobalt, manganese and thallium)
- Asbestos Containing Material (ACM)
- Benzene in soil gas exceeds residential screening levels

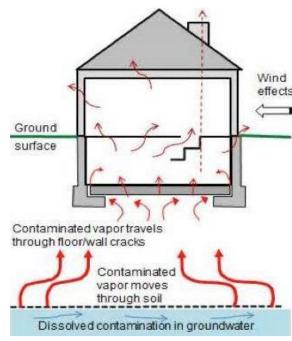




#### **Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives**

- Asbestos removal
- ☐ Remove soils with elevated metals and replace with clean fill
- ☐ If residential use is proposed, address potential vapor intrusion







## **Sanitary Laundry**

Continued coordination to update QAPP, SSQAPP
Asbestos Abatement
Additional Assessment to Support Vapor Intrusion System Design
Work in coordination with roofing contractor



## McClung Warehouses

Continued coordination to update QAPP, SSQAPP Asbestos Evaluation

Address elevated metals in soil – limited, localized soil removal? Additional Assessment to Support Vapor Intrusion System Design

## Questions & Comments

For more information please visit our website:

www.knoxvilletn.gov/cleanupgrants

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